

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON CITY COUNCIL HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 9, 2010, 7:00 P.M. IN THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Mayor Jeremy Riddle called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Council members present were Paul Whitcomb, Victoria Hallin, Dick Dobson and Lee Steinbrecher. Staff present was Administrator Mark Karnowski, Finance Director Steve Jackson, Community Developer Jay Blake, Fire Chief Jim Roxbury, Public Works Director Bob Gerold, Police Chief Brian Payne and City Clerk Katie Hunter. Also present: City Attorneys Damien Toven.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

It was the consensus of the Council to add the following items to the agenda under the Consent portion:

- B. Personnel**
 - 3. Splash Park – Temporary Summer Help**
 - a. Jessica Jones; discharge date of 9/6/2010
 - b. Nicole Dehn; discharge date of 9/6/2010
 - c. Kyra Halverson; discharge date of 9/6/2010
 - d. Ben Kampa; discharge date of 9/6/2010

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 2010

WHITCOMB MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2010 AS WRITTEN. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Personnel**
 - 1. Public Works – Summer Temporary Help**
 - a. Colten Heitschmidt discharge date of Sept 3, 2010
 - b. Isaiah McBride discharge date of August 20, 2010
 - 2. Fire Department**
 - a. Adam Cook; firefighter hire effective 9-10-10, probationary @ \$10/hr
 - b. Bryan Haubenschild; firefighter hire effective 9-10-10, probationary @ \$10/hr
 - c. Darren Jordahl; firefighter hire effective 9-10-10, probationary @ \$10/hr
 - d. George Wallace; firefighter hire effective 9-10-10, probationary @ \$10/hr
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DOBSON MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. STEINBRECHER SECONDED THE MOTION. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

OPEN FORUM

Wayne Eller, Executive Director East Central MN Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, was present to speak with the council.

Eller said he had a heart of gratitude for the City of Princeton and all that they did with and for (HFH) Habitat for Humanity. In being so humbly appreciative, HFH is honoring the city with a plaque. But first, Eller took the time to personally thank the Community Developer, Jay Blake and his staff, Dave Thompson with PUC and his staff, Bob Gerold with Public Works and his staff and Police Chief Brian Payne and all of the officers. There was even a point where the crew had an accident and Police Chief Payne was on the scene in thirty seconds.

The deeds are now in the family's names and the families have completely moved into the homes the HFH built. Eller said they predict that the families will thrive in part, because of the land that the city donated to HFH and because the people are a direct reflection of the city. Eller stated that he has been with HFH for nine years and this is the most positive build he has ever had in the five-county area. All of the builds have been optimistic, but working in the city of Princeton has been the most positive.

Eller presented the City of Princeton a plaque thanking the city for their generous gift of land enabling HFH to build homes for families in need of escaping substandard housing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS - none

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

- A. Visionary Committee Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 9, 2010
- B. EDA Board Minutes held August 19, 2010

The above minutes were reviewed and did not require any council action.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS - none

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution #10-45 Donation from Anonymous

Karnowski explained to the City Council that an anonymous two hundred and fifty dollars was donated to the city and the Police Department for the Fire Arms Instructor Class for Patrol Rifles that Jason Cederberg attended.

STEINBRECHER MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 10-45, AN ANONYMOUS DONATION TO THE CITY FOR A RIFLE COURSE TAKEN BY JASON CEDERBERG. DOBSON SECONDED THE MOTION. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

NEW BUSINESS

A. Election Judges

The following persons are being recommended for approval as election judges for the 2010 General Election held on November 2, 2010. The hourly wage will be \$10.00 for

these judges. Norma Stay has already attended the training session. Daryl Bronniche will be attending his training session when Mille Lacs County Auditor's Office offers it next, which the County Auditor, Phil Thompson, thought that would be by the end of October.

Norma Stay and Daryl Bronniche

Karnowski added that a couple of the previous election judges have dropped out for different reasons and Ms. Stay and Mr. Bronniche will replace those judges.

HALLIN MOTIONED TO APPROVE NORMA STAY AS AN ELECTION JUDGE AND DARYL BRONNICHE CONTINGENT UPON FINISHING HIS TRAINING. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

B. Disposition of Public Works Equipment

Gerold explained that the Public Works Department is looking for disposition of two trimmers and a backpack blower. These items have reached their life cycle. If approved, they will be disposed of at Pike's Auction in September at a public sale.

There is enough money budgeted for the purchase of new items to replace the trimmers and the blower at prices less than \$1500.

HALLIN MOTIONED TO APPROVE DISPOSITION OF THE TWO WEED WHIPS AND THE BACKPACK BLOWER AT PIKE'S AUCTION. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Budget/Levy Discussion - Resolution #10-46

Jackson explained that the State has a "Truth in Taxation" procedure where the Council has to adopt a preliminary proposed current operation budget. The current operation budget is \$3,097,375. The amount being certified for collectible in 2011 is \$2,292,501. The levy is comprised of special levies of \$721,441 for police wages and benefits, \$17,065 for PERA Rate increases, \$35,000 for Tax Abatement, \$117,500 for debt service, \$21,500 for COPS Grant Reduction Levy, \$200,000 for Local Government Aid Reduction Levy and \$1,179,995 for the General Levy including the EDA Levy.

Jackson went on to explain the five percent increase in preliminary levy from last year is due entirely to the LGA cutbacks in 2010, with the knowledge that 2011 will see additional cutbacks in LGA.

DOBSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 10-46. STEINBRECHER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Steinbrecher asked when the final budget decision will have to be made. Jackson answered that the final levy will be presented on December 9, 2010 at the regular Council Meeting. There is additional time after that as well, if the council needs it. It does have to be done by the 23rd of December.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

MISCELLANEOUS

Council member Dobson added that he is happy to see Public Works director Bob Gerold up and about with a smile on his face after his foot injury.

BILL LIST – \$335,869.89

HALLIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILL LIST WHICH INCLUDES THE MANUAL CHECKS AS LISTED ON THE MANUAL VOUCHER BILL LIST FOR A TOTAL OF \$62,790.48 AND THE ITEMS LISTED ON THE LIQUOR BILL LIST AND GENERAL CITY BILL LIST WHICH WILL BE CHECKS 62975 TO 63049 FOR A TOTAL OF \$273,079.41. WHITCOMB SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business:

WHITCOMB MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:16 PM. HALLIN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5 AYES, 0 NAYS).

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Hunter
City Clerk

ATTEST:

Jeremy Riddle, Mayor